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SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 120299 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 110651 (NOTAL)

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REF B KEYED TO LETTER IN REFTEL:

A. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (AAM) IS SOCIETY OFFICIALLY REGISTERED WITH THE GOVT OF MALAYSIA'S REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES. YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (YAC) IS STANDING COMMITTEE OF SAID ASSOCIATION. YAC WILL CONDUCT DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND COUNSELING.

B. AAM CURRENTLY CARRIES NO INSURANCE, NEW CENTER PLANS TO CARRY STANDARD LIABILITY POLICY.

C. CENTER PLANS TO ADOPT SINGAPORE CONFIDENTIALITY SYSTEM (SACAC PLAN) AS DETAILED AT FEBRUARY 1 SAODAP WORKSHOP IN SINGAPORE. CODED IDENTITY CARDS WILL BE STORED IN EMBASSY TO ENSURE CONFIDENTIALITY.

D. AS PART OF OVERALL PROGRAM PROVIDING VIABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR TEENAGERS DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING/PREVENTION PROGRAM WILL TRY TO: 1) DISCOURAGE DRUG EXPERIMENTATION; 2) PROVIDE DRUG UNCLASSIFIED

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AND OTHER COUNSELING TO TEENAGERS WITH PROBLEMS; 3) PROVIDE A

REFERRAL SERVICE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF MEDICAL/PSYCHIATRIC ASSISTANCE.

E. MALAYSIAN PSYCHIATRIST DR. HAJI SYED M. HAQ TRAINED IN UK HAS AGREED TO ACT AS CONSULTANT FOR PROGRAM (THERE IS NO AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIST CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN MALASIA). GENERAL HOSPITAL OF KL, WHERE AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD COOPERATE IN MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY, IS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY CASES.

F. MALAYSIAN HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUTH COUNSELING PROGRAM.

G. PROPOSED COUNSELORS INCLUDE: 1) EDITH BENNETT, AMERICAN, TEACHER AND STUDENT SOCIAL WORKER GENERAL HOSPITAL KL; 2) LAWRENCE THOMPSON, AMERICAN, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER TO BE RESIDENT DIRECTOR OF CENTER; 3) JUDITH INNES, NEW ZEALAND, PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER; 4) ANN REESE, AUSTRALIAN, PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER; 5) ANN EVANS, AMERICAN, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR; 6) JERRY BOOZE, AMERICAN, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KL TO ACT AS CONSULTANT. DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION/TREATMENT TRAINING WILL BE NEEDED BY ALL PROPOSED COUNSELORS.

2. HOPE ABOVE SUFFICIENT TO ANSWER SAODAP'S QUESTIONS. AAM HAS ADVANCED SOME QUESTIONS, ANSWERS TO WHICH WOULD GREATLY HELP IN PLANNING. A) HOW MUCH MONEY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IN PROPOSED SAODAP GRANT? B) WHEN WILL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE?
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